

AGENDA: October 8, 2002

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Services

TITLE: Agreement for Renovation, Limited Maintenance and Shared Recreational Use of Springer School—Los Altos Elementary School District

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Los Altos Elementary School District governing the improvement, maintenance and use of Springer School for park and recreational purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

No additional appropriations are requested at this time. The agreement obligates the City to contribute \$210,000 for renovation of the park area at Springer School. This expenditure was previously authorized by the City Council with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2000-01 Capital Improvement Program. Additionally, the agreement obligates the City to provide certain limited maintenance duties at the school. The cost of providing this maintenance is approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In December 1999, the City Council approved the recommendations of a Council ad hoc committee reviewing school site landscape maintenance. The Committee recommended that the City take over maintenance of the school site park areas at Slater and Huff Schools, work toward an agreement for a shared water reservoir/play field arrangement at Graham Middle School and work toward an agreement for a shared renovation and maintenance agreement for Springer School. Since then, agreements for Slater and Huff Schools have been completed, an agreement for Graham Middle School is in progress and an agreement with the Los Altos Elementary School District (District) has been negotiated.

The District Board approved this agreement on Monday, September 16, 2002.

The agreement differs from the Master Agreement for School Site Maintenance between the City and the Mountain View-Whisman School District in several ways:

- The Los Altos agreement applies only to Springer School and no other school sites in the District;
- Maintenance to be performed by the City at the school site is limited (aerate and fertilize up to four times per year). The District will provide the bulk of maintenance.
- Although the agreement provides similar public access provisions to the Springer School fields as for other Mountain View schools, the Los Altos District will continue to maintain the scheduling function. Whereas the City schedules field use at all Mountain View-Whisman schools, the Los Altos District would continue to do the field scheduling for Springer School. Should the City want to schedule any sports or recreational uses at the field, it will have to be done through the School District's process. The School District desires to maintain the scheduling function as they do charge for use of the fields.

Key Principles

A summary of the key principles and provisions outlined in the agreement is provided below:

- Term of Agreement. Agreement expires in June 2027 unless terminated earlier with one-year advance notice.
- Renovation. The City will contribute a maximum of \$210,000 and the District \$75,000 to renovate and make permanent improvements to the park area. The renovation is to be completed no later than June 2004, but the deadline can be extended by mutual agreement.
- Maintenance. The District will provide maintenance at the park area, except the City will aerate and fertilize up to four times annually but no less than two times per year.
- Description of Premises. The school site is divided into two areas. The "school area" is that upon which the school buildings, blacktop area and normal school equipment are located. The "park area" is that upon which the recreational facilities, equipment and landscaping are located (basically the play fields).

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- Shared Recreational Use. District will make available the park area for use by City for park and recreation purposes when it does not interfere with normal school use or District-scheduled activities. The District also makes available to the City the use of the school area playground and other normal recreation equipment. Use of school area classrooms and rest rooms by the City will be subject to further approval by the District.

SUMMARY

In December 1999, the City Council approved the recommendations of a Council ad hoc committee reviewing school site landscape maintenance. One of the Committee's recommendations was that the City work with the Los Altos Elementary School District to develop an agreement for shared maintenance and renovation of Springer School. The agreement, adopted by the District Board on Monday, September 16, 2002, obligates the City to contribute \$210,000 toward renovation of the Springer School play fields (District contributes \$75,000) and to provide aeration and fertilization maintenance services up to four times per year. In exchange, the District will make available the play field and playground areas for use by the City for park and recreation purposes.

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Attachment: 1. Agreement for Renovation, Limited Maintenance of and Shared Recreational Use of District Facilities between Los Altos School District and the City of Mountain View

cc: Los Altos Elementary School District